Service Date: November 3, 2003

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application of MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. for)	UTILITY DIVISION
Authority to Establish Increased Rates for Electric Service in the State of Montana.)	DOCKET NO. D2003.8.120 ORDER NO. 6512a

ORDER

Background

- 1. On August 22, 2003 Montana-Dakota Utilities, Co. (MDU) filed an application for approval to increase its rates for electric service in the state of Montana. On September 4, 2003, the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a Procedural Order in this docket. On October 7, 2003, at a regularly scheduled work session the Commission voted to suspend the procedural schedule.
- 2. On October 14, 2003, MDU filed a Notice of Withdrawal of Application and requested an order of the Commission closing the docket.
- On October 21, 2003, at a regularly scheduled work session the
 Commission voted to accept the withdrawal and to issue an order closing the docket

<u>Order</u>

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that Montana-Dakota Utilities, Co. is allowed to withdraw the application for authority to increase its rates for electric service in the state of Montana that it filed on August 22, 2003; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket No. D2003.8.120 is closed.

NOTE:

ARM 38.2.4806.

DONE AND DATED this 21^{st} day of October, 2003 by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

	BOB ROWE, Chairman
	THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman
	GREG JERGESON, Commissioner
	MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner
ATTEST:	JAY STOVALL, Commissioner
Connie Jones Commission Secretary	
(SEAL)	

Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See